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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AFL-CIO VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

REFERENCE: JOHANNESBURG 0305

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

1. ERNEST LEE, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF AFL-CIO, STATES
PROFESSOR JOHN HUTCHINSON NOT REPEAT NOT QUALIFIED TO SPEAK
FOR AFL-CIO.WHILE HUTCHINSON MAY HAVE MADE SUCH A RE-
COMMENDATION,AFL-CIO NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARED TO ACT. AFL-CIO
POSITION IS THAT SOUTH AFRICANS MUST FIRST MOVE TOWARD
BREAKUP OF APARTHEID BEFORE AFL-CIO WOULD CONSIDER ANY
JOINT PROGRAMS. FACT-FINDING MISSION WOULD TAKE PLACE AT
THAT TIME. OCCASIONAL VISIT BY INDIVIDUAL AFL-CIO OFFICIALS,
AALC REPS FOR EXAMPLE, COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSIDERED AS
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FACT-FINDING MISSION IN CONTEXT INTENDED BY HUTCHINSON.

2. LEE REPEATED AFL-CIO POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA IS TO WAIT FOR FORMATION OF MULTI-RACIAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL TRADE UNION TRAINING INSTITUTE BY VARIOUS WHITE, COLORED AND BLACK UNIONS, UNIVERSITIES AND EMPLOYERS. IF SUCH AN INSTITUTE IS LAUNCHED AND APPEARS TO CREATE CHINK IN APARTHEID ARMOR AFL-CIO WOULD THEN BE RECEPTIVE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM SUCH AN INSTITUTE. POSITION KNOWN TO SAG, TUCSA, EMPLOYERS.

3. FYI: ABOVE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT MEAN AFL-CIO OPPOSED TO COOPERATING IN ASSISTING BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA. IT MEANS THAT AFL-CIO WILL AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ACCEPTANCE OF OR SUPPORT FOR STATUS QUO. KISSINGER

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